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Information on Financial Aid and College Access

**2017-18 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
Available October 1**



FAFSA season is almost here!

New this year:

Students will be able to submit a FAFSA earlier. Students will be able to file a 2017–18 FAFSA as early as October 1, 2016, rather than beginning on January 1, 2017. The earlier submission date will be a permanent change, enabling students to complete and submit a FAFSA as early as October 1 every year.

Students will use earlier income information. Beginning with the 2017–18 FAFSA, students will be required to report income information from an earlier tax year. For example, on the 2017–18 FAFSA, students (and parents, as appropriate) will report their 2015 income information, rather than their 2016 income information.

CHANGES TO THE FAFSA PROCESS FOR 2017–18

SUBMIT A FAFSA EARLIER: Students will be able to submit a 2017–18 FAFSA as early as Oct. 1, 2016, rather than beginning on Jan. 1, 2017. The earlier submission date will be a permanent change, enabling students to complete and submit their FAFSAs as early as October 1 every year. (There is NO CHANGE to the 2016–17 schedule. The 2016–17 FAFSA became available Jan. 1, 2016.)

USE EARLIER INCOME AND TAX INFORMATION: Beginning with the 2017–18 FAFSA, students will report income and tax information from an earlier tax year. For example, on the 2017–18 FAFSA, students (and parents, as appropriate) will report their 2015 income and tax information, rather than their 2016 income and tax information.

Here's a summary of key dates for submitting the FAFSA depending on when you plan to go to school:

IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND COLLEGE FROM	YOU WILL SUBMIT THIS FAFSA	YOU CAN SUBMIT THE FAFSA FROM	USING INCOME AND TAX INFORMATION FROM
July 1, 2015–June 30, 2016	2015–16	January 1, 2015–June 30, 2016	2014
July 1, 2016–June 30, 2017	2016–17	January 1, 2016–June 30, 2017	2015
July 1, 2017–June 30, 2018	2017–18	October 1, 2016–June 30, 2018	2015
July 1, 2018–June 30, 2019	2018–19	October 1, 2017–June 30, 2019	2016

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MI Student Aid to Host Federal Student Aid Webinar September 21

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REGISTER NOW

This Webinar which will highlight the important changes to the FAFSA application, particularly prior-year (PPY), also known as early FAFSA. Richard Blasen, from Federal Student Aid, will

discuss what this means for students and families and how this will benefit those who are applying for Federal aid. This Webinar will also highlight all of the 2016-17 resources available for students and families to assist them through the financial aid process.

MI Student Aid Partners with MHSAA



MI Student Aid is pleased to announce its partnership with the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA). Through this partnership, MI Student Aid will have the ability to reach a statewide audience via the MHSAA's radio, video, social media, and online initiatives.

MHSAA broadcast ventures that will be presented by MI Student Aid during the 2016-17 school year include; "This Week in High School Sports" a program that airs on more than 80 radio stations statewide and the weekly video highlights which is distributed statewide to media and published on the [MHSAA Website](#).

In addition to radio and video contributions, MI Student Aid will have an on-site presence at MHSAA championship events throughout this school year. MI Student Aid will also serve as the presenting sponsor for the weekly football reports, Drive for Detroit, on the [MHSAA's Second Half Website](#).

MI Student Aid will have a presence at high school football finals events at Ford Field on November 25-26. A [promotional video](#) will air before each game, which features Michigan native and Jacksonville Jaguar's Linebacker, [Dan Skuta](#). In addition to football championships, we will also have a promotional video running during the boys and girls basketball finals events at the Breslin Center at Michigan State University.

"We value the life lessons learned on the athletic field and MI Student Aid promotes continuing education for our student-athletes by providing financial assistance in pursuing those opportunities," said John E. "Jack" Roberts, Executive Director of the MHSAA. "We are always seeking to make students and their families aware of all that can be gleaned from educational athletics and we're glad to provide an avenue for MI Student Aid to promote the options available to help in financing the continuation of their studies."

MI Student Aid will also have an opportunity to connect with students and their families through the MHSAA's social media platforms.

"We are extremely excited to be partnered with Michigan High School Athletic Association," said Anne Wohlfert, Director of the Student Financial Services Bureau. "Students and families oftentimes encounter barriers when paying for college and MHSAA provides a platform that allows our resources and services to be transparent, directly to the audience we are trying to reach. Our mission and values closely align with that of MHSAA, which made this partnership an easy decision. We are looking forward to a long-lasting, successful partnership with them."

New Process for the Tuition Incentive Program (TIP)

The Tuition Incentive Program (TIP) is a State of Michigan student financial aid program that can help pay for tuition and mandatory fees at participating Michigan colleges.



Information for TIP Eligible Students

High School Seniors: You **MUST** set up your account and confirm your college choice by accessing the [MiSSG Student Portal](#).

All TIP Eligible Students: You **MUST** update the [MiSSG Student Portal](#) with any changes to your address or college choice.

Note: If you do not have access to a computer, need assistance or have questions, please contact the Customer Care Unit toll free at 1-888-4-GRANTS (888-447-2687) and one of our representatives can assist you with the process.

[TIP Fact Sheet](#)

Last Chance to Register for the 2016 High School Counselor Workshop



High School Counselors, College Access Partners, and Financial Aid Administrators, [register now](#) for the 2016 Michigan High School Counselor Workshop set for **Friday, October 28, 2016**. There will be 40 host site locations around the state. The theme of the 2016 workshop is, **MI Student Aid "Helping Make College Accessible, Affordable, & Achievable!"**

Don't miss out on these hot topics:

MiSSG Web Portal
2017-18 FAFSA Changes (including prior-prior year)
Special Populations
Federal/State Grants/Scholarships
Student Loans
College Access Resources and more!

MiABLE 529 (A) "Achieving a Better Life Experience"

The Student Financial Services Bureau is pleased to announce that a contract has been awarded to TSA Consulting Group to provide program management/administration and investment services for the MiABLE Savings Account program.



The Michigan 529 (A) ABLE Savings Account (MiABLE) offers investment and tax incentives to encourage families and others to save for individuals with disabilities to pay for qualified disability expenses of a designated beneficiary. This program is established under Section 529 (A) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC Sec. 529 (A)).

Funds deposited into ABLE accounts may be used to pay the “qualified disability expense” of the account beneficiary, which can include any expenses related to the eligible individual’s disability, including the following expenses: education, housing, transportation, employment training and support, technology, personal support services, health, prevention and wellness, financial management and administrative services, legal fees, expenses for oversight and monitoring, and funeral and burial expenses.

Treasury staff will work in conjunction with representatives from the Departments of Health and Human Services, Technology, Management and Budget, and state-wide disability advocacy groups to develop a successful product.

Treasury and its partners look forward to the design and development of this necessary and important program for individuals with disabilities.

[MiABLE Information](#)

2016 Fostering Futures Scholarship Charitable Event

Help make dreams a reality with the upcoming Fostering Futures Scholarship charitable event listed below. Donations help provide scholarships to students who have experienced foster care who are enrolled at Michigan colleges and universities.



[Make a donation or reserve your ticket today!](#)

[Detroit](#)

Joe Louis Arena
Thursday, September 22, 2016
6:00pm - 10:00pm

Upcoming Events

September 15-18

See times below

Troy Family Daze

MET Information

Troy Civic Center
3425 Civic Center Drive
Troy, MI 48084
5:00pm - 9:00pm 9/15
5:00pm - 10:00pm 9/16
11:00am - 10:00pm 9/17
1:00pm - 8:00pm 9/18

September 15

6:00pm - 7:30pm
Lake Superior State University
College Night
650 West Easterday Avenue
Sault Sainte Marie, MI 49783

September 20

12:00pm - 1:00pm
MET/MESP Facebook Live Chat

September 22

6:00pm - 10:00pm
Fostering Futures Scholarship Benefit Dinner
19 Steve Yzerman Drive
Detroit, MI 48226

September 27

12:00pm - 1:00pm
MET/MESP Webinar
RSVP

September 28

9:30am - 11:00am
11:30am - 1:00pm
College Day
Montcalm Community College
2800 College Drive
Sidney, MI 48885

September 28

3:00pm - 8:00pm
MET/MESP Enrollment Session
Troy Public Library
32737 Big Beaver Road
Troy, MI 48084

October 10

6:00pm - 7:30pm
Greater Kalamazoo Area College Night
Kalamazoo Valley Community College
Texas Township Campus
6767 West O Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI 49009

October 11

10:00am - 1:00pm
Career, College, and Exploration Day
Van Buren Technology Center
250 South Street
Lawrence, MI 49064

October 11

12:00pm - 1:00pm
MET/MESP Webinar
RSVP

October 11

6:30pm - 8:00pm
Financial Aid Information Night
Portland High School
1100 Ionia Road
Portland, MI 48875

October 13

6:00pm - 9:00pm
2016 Annual Historical Black College and University Fair
Union Missionary Baptist Church
500 South Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Lansing, MI 48915

October 25

12:00pm - 1:00pm
MET/MESP Webinar
RSVP

October 25

6:00pm - 7:45pm
Financial Aid Presentation
Warren Public Library
1 City Square
Warren Civic Center Conference Room 1
Warren, MI 48093

October 27

7:00pm - 8:30pm
MET/MESP Presentation
Farmington Community Library
32737 West 12 Mile Road
Farmington Hills, MI 48334

October 28

9:00am - 12:00pm
2016 High School Counselor Workshop
Locations vary



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